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1. Sliven is being built up as a secondary, unofficial, and purely Communist capital of Bulgaria. The reason is that Sofia is too far away from the strategic parts of the country that really interest the Soviets. Sliven has been chosen because it is a large industrial center and is conveniently situated for Soviet strategic purposes; it has been the real center of Communism ever since Communism reached Bulgaria.
2. Sliven is now the control point for Burgas and the Turkish frontier. In Yambol there is an important military headquarters meant to control possible future operations in the southeast. Sliven has the most important prisons to which are sent important political leaders and those charged with resistance.

Comment: Your attention [redacted] for further information on prisons in Sliven. 25X1

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